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Rep. Rodriguez Comments on Academic Review Legislation **Applauds Rep. Thiesfeldt's Efforts to Improve Struggling Schools**

MADISON – State Representative Jessie Rodriguez (R-Franklin) supports State Representative Jeremy Thiesfeldt's bill to create an Academic Review System that will measure the performance of all schools receiving taxpayer funding.

"Rep. Thiesfeldt's bill is moving in the right direction," said Rodriguez. "The proposal will address many of the concerns I have heard from the public, and evaluate all schools, public, independent charter and Parental Choice Program, on a level playing field."

This Academic Review System will be applicable to public schools, independent charter schools and private schools participating in the Parental Choice Program. It will use multiple measures to determine a school's performance. Struggling schools will be given the opportunity to improve themselves and the outcomes of their students.

The improvement plans included in this proposal build off programs currently administered by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) that hold schools accountable for student achievement and identify schools in need of additional support.

"My goal in supporting this proposal is to ensure that our children have access to the best quality education and that they succeed academically," Rodriguez concluded.

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